Role of SIDBI in Promotion of SSI Sector

2238. SHRI MOHD. SALilM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in the promotion of SSI Sctor in the coun try; and

(b) the number of units established revived with the loan provided by SIDBI in the S.ates during the last three years. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAT PAL MAHARAJ): (a) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been set up to function as .he principal financial institutions for promotion, financing and development of industry in the small scale sector and to coordinate the functions of instiutions engaged ia similar activities.

In order to fulfil the assigned role, SIDBI implements a number of schemes for providing financial assistance, extension support and undertaking promotional aspects of industries in the small; scale sector.

(b) The number of units sanctioned financial assistance by SIDBI and amount involved during the last three years, State-wise is given in Annexure. (*See Appendix* 181, *Annexure No.* 55)

Non-Paymtnt of Statutory Diifes

2239. SHRI GURUDAS DASS GUPTA
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Mini3,er of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact .hat the workers in the Central Public Sector Undertakings are no. being paid their statutory dues for be a long time amounting to Rs. 500 crores due to the failure of the Government to provid funds and

(b) if so, the details thereof and *the* reat.o'iis therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAT. PAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the latest figures collected by .he Ministry of Labour, the arrears of wage.s and statutory dues of the Central public sector undertakings to their workers are of the order of Rs. 605 crore, Goveirunent is seized of the issue, regarding ipaymeot of the arrear dues.

External aid pledged in India

2240. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of institution-wisej year-wise and sector,wise external aid pledged to India by the various international aid agencies during the past five years;

(b) whe.her it is a fact that a large amount of such external aid still unutilised;

(c) if so, the year-wise details for the post five years of such unutilised aid and reasons therefor; and

(d) whether some concre.e steps have been initjiated recently to ensiire better utilisa.ion of this assistance and what are the details therepf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAT. PAL MAHARAJ): (a) The pledge of external aid to India are made only institution-wise. The Institution.wise pledges made during the last five years may be sen in the Annexure- *(See*]pipendix 181, *Annexure No.* 56)

(b) to (d) The unutilised aid during the past five years is as follows:

As on 31 March, 1993 : 86777.61

As on 31 March, 1994 : 59865.76

As on 31 March, 1995 : 65368.27

As on 31 March, 1996 : 63929.84

As on 31 March, 1997 : 61201.76

*Include undisbursed balasice of Rt. 24861.19 crore of erstwhile USSR